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**We are grateful to God for this new year in which the Lord will continue His work to restore this nation.** It will happen because God has not forgotten His covenant with the faithful men and women who dedicated this land to Him. We just need to seek the Lord and ask Him what He wants us to do. We will be His instruments of righteousness in this land!

## *Jubilee Life*

by Dan Noel

At God's instruction, the Hebrews of ancient Israel proclaimed every 50<sup>th</sup> year a year of Jubilee, at which time all slaves were liberated and all debts were forgiven. It was a time of great rejoicing in life's freedom and liberty under God. America's founders sought to restore that concept of liberty in God and a Jubilee life at a time when Great Britain was departing from those Biblical truths.

Thus, with "war clouds" growing darker in July of 1776, many wise Christian men signed a document, The Declaration of Independence, that put their families, their lives, and their fortunes on the line. Citing our Independence from Britain and our Dependence on God this document says in part, "...We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness...." These are powerful truths rooted in the Biblical concept of Jubilee. These faithful men understood what many Americans today have forgotten: that true liberty is possible only under a

governmental framework rooted in the Bible.

Under the Bible's concept of a Jubilee, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are God given rights that cannot be lost. These rights can be stolen, but it would be a violation of Biblical law and our organic document, the Declaration of Independence. For this newsletter we are just examining life, understanding that true life inherently entails liberty and the pursuit of happiness under God.

Scriptural undergirding for a Jubilee life is found throughout the Bible. We see from the beginning in Genesis 1:27, that God created man in His own image, male and female. Just a little further we see in Genesis 2:7 that God formed man from dust of the ground and breathed life into his nostrils. (The fact that man came from dirt is the reason I believe men still love to play in the mud, drive 4X4s, SUVs, and play football, etc.) This overflowing life created by God continues to this very day and starts in the womb. Jeremiah 1:5 tells us, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee...." In Job 33:4, it says, "The Spirit of God hath made me

and...hath given me life.” Job 10:11 further confirms that God is the creator by revealing, “Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews.”

It is important to keep in mind when God speaks of life He is not thinking of some ho-hum boring existence. The God of creation and miracles is not a God of boredom. When Jesus said “...I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance – to the full, till it overflows” (John 10:10 in the Amplified Bible), he was not simply making small talk. He was, and is, revealing God’s plan for men and women to experience life in fullness, abundance, in health, love, joy, and prosperity.

Certainly that is what our founders believed, as evidenced by an exhaustive 10-year study by contemporary political scientists. This group examined 15,000 political writings from America’s founding fathers during our founding era. They made a startling discovery: an amazing 34% of the total writings quoted the Holy Bible, by far the largest single source relied on by our founders.<sup>1</sup> The reliance by our founders upon the Bible was so obvious that modern, secular “historians are discovering that the Bible, perhaps even more so than the Constitution, is in actuality our founding document.”<sup>2</sup> That same study further found that Baron Charles Montesquieu was the most quoted non-Bible source. You may not have studied him much in school. However, Montesquieu was a French attorney who wrote *Spirit of Laws* in 1748. What did he believe? “The Christian religion, which ordains that men should love each other, would without doubt have every nation blest with the best civil, the best political

laws; because these, next to this religion, are the greatest good that men can give and receive.”<sup>3</sup> So, our founders intended to, and did, build a governmental system based upon the Bible and Christian precepts.

Of course, the Declaration of Independence is a “Christian document - Christian because it reflects many Christian principles.”<sup>4</sup> Most people today think of the Declaration of Independence as being our declaration from British rule, but in fact the Declaration is equally a declaration of dependence upon God. It states the following: “...these United Colonies are... Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown.... And for the support of this Declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence....” So, yes the signers of the Declaration did indeed have a Christian heritage and wanted to fully incorporate Christian principles into every day life in America.

In fact our currency today describes the Christian founding of America and how America is based upon Christian precepts. Everyone knows the back of a dollar bill says, “In God We Trust.” However, few know the rest of the story. Look at the Great Seal of the United States on a dollar bill. A great deal of thought and discussion went into drafting this seal by our founding fathers, as they wanted to express the essence of America. Thomas Jefferson proposed showing the glory of God leading the Israelites out of bondage using a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Benjamin Franklin proposed Moses standing by the shore with his hand extending over the sea with the motto, “Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God.”<sup>5</sup> Another consideration was the

Ark of the Covenant. In the end they put the unfinished pyramid with the Latin words on top, *Annuit Coeptis*, "He (God) has blessed our undertakings." On the base of the pyramid you will notice, *Novus Ordo Seclorum*, "A New Order of the Ages," in consideration of the new nation founded on Christian precepts. The eye in the pyramid represents the eye of Divine Providence and is surrounded with glory. The pyramid represents the house of our nation and our government. The eye looks out at the government and our land. Thus, when we say, "One Nation Under God," we are really reasserting the truth established by our founding fathers. The currency of the land is neither established on the gold standard, nor the silver standard, however we boldly say, "In GOD We Trust!" Our founders did and so do we. Our nation truly was built with the Bible as its guide book.

Equally, our Constitution upholds the Biblical concept of a Jubilee life. The words are beautiful and ring out around the world, "We the people of the United States in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish the Constitution of the United States...." Justice, domestic tranquility, promoting the general welfare of the people, securing blessings and liberty all speak to and demand total respect for life. The 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment boldly declares "...nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law..." Tragically, when human secularists on the Supreme Court ruled in favor of abortion in *Roe vs. Wade*, the court made an incorrect ruling that the

founding fathers did not intend for the definition of a person to apply to people before birth. Such thinking requires one to totally ignore the overwhelming documentation of America's founding documents, plus have an illegitimate agenda, to decree that our founding fathers with deep, strong, Christian roots would have intended to provide an American holocaust. Quite the opposite, our founders repeatedly spoke of life, liberty, freedom, and pursuit of happiness. Indeed, they put their own lives, the lives of their families, and their fortunes on the line so all may enjoy that same Jubilee life to the fullest under the protective auspices of God. Many of them paid dearly for their bold revolutionary idea of a free people in a democratic republic based firmly on Christian precepts.

Most Americans believe the Supreme Court is the rule of the land. Praise God that is not true. Abraham Lincoln sure did not think so, nor did Congress. In 1857, the United States Supreme Court issued a really cruel rule in the *Dred Scott* decision that Congress could not prohibit slavery and that slaves were property and did not have any rights. Abraham Lincoln and the United States Congress were wise enough to know the Constitution gave them liberty to ignore the ruling. In 1862, Congress passed legislation prohibiting slavery in free territories and the following year President Lincoln issued the *Emancipation Proclamation*, both acts in direct opposition of the Supreme Court ruling. We have to remember the founders deliberately split up the power of government into three branches; the executive, the legislature, and the judicial. When one or more branch of government strays from the Constitution,

there is a check and balance to restrain government as the servant of the people. That is part of the beauty of our Constitution. There was never the intent for one branch of our government to exercise tyranny and get away with it.

Well, it is time for America to come home to the Father's love and forgiveness. We will soon see America fulfill her destiny. America's best days are ahead of her and not far away. America is like the prodigal son who turned away from the Father's love and blessing only to find himself dirty, broke, and hungry. Yes, it is time for America to recognize the Father's truth, turn from rebellion, and return home to do the Father's work. The current wicked leanings, of some in government, are subject to change very quickly. They are not built upon the rock, and the Lord's truth shall prevail.

Now is the time. Feel it in your spirit. God is ready. God is able. God has already started to heal America. We are not going back to the powerless traditions of the past, but a fresh new wave of the Spirit that we carry forward in Him. God is ready to do a mighty new work throughout our land. Sense it now in your spirit. It is not our work, it is His. Our enemies are not flesh and blood, not evil politicians, not wicked and greedy men in media. Rather, the enemy is the devil and his puny defeated demons. And the sound of squeals we are about to hear are him and his demons being bruised under our feet (Romans 16:20, "And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet...") Yes, we do it empowered by God. It is time to work, it is time to rejoice in the Lord, and it is time to celebrate – a celebration march to show the strength and power of God

Himself. As we reclaim America; we shall go forth with great love, joy, confidence, and unity.

This is a very special time in America. Nearly 400 years ago in 1607, Captain John Smith and his soldiers erected a wooden cross on the shore of Cape Henry. Reverend Robert Hunt led 149 men in a prayer of thanksgiving. Indeed, the Virginia Charter of 1606 reveals that a main reason for their coming to America was to "propagate the Christian Religion to such People, as yet live in Darkness and miserable Ignorance of the true knowledge and worship of God."<sup>6</sup> Now, nearly 400 years later, it is the time of eight 50-year seasons of Jubilee passing since 1607. Eight is the Godly number for new beginnings. It is time for a newness of God's well spring of life in America. It is time for a reversal of America's wicked ways and a time of repentance. It is time for fasting and prayer. It is time to get excited about a powerful move of God Himself that lights the darkness and that no darkness can stand against. It is time for unity of virtue in the church. It is time, it is time, it is time for Jubilee Life throughout America. Church bells will ring out in Glory. Love and Life will be hallmarks of America. As we bless God, God will bless America.

1. David Barton. Original Intent. Aledo, TX. WallBuilder Press, 2000, pp. 213-226.
2. Newsweek, Dec. 26, 1982.
3. Barton, supra, at p. 214
4. Stephen McDowell. America's Providential History. Charlottesville, VA. Providence Foundation. p. 4.
5. Ibid. p. 151.
6. Ibid. p. 80.

## *The Latest Happenings*

After overcoming a few small glitches, we hope to have available, the DVD of the entire seminar we hosted last November entitled, “Principles for Reclaiming a Nation.” The DVD will contain a short introduction to the seminar, as well as reminders of who we are. We believe this will be a valuable resource for Christians who were unable to attend this seminar, as well as serving as a continuing reminder of the great principles we need to invoke on behalf of our nation in order for its restoration.

We continue to work on the public school curriculum concerning the Constitution and the principles that undergird it for school Constitution Day observances, as well as for regular studies on the Constitution.

Finally, the book co-authored by Doug Anderson, *Contending for the Constitution*, is now at the printers and will be available soon. That too will be a great resource on the Biblical principles that are part of our governing document.

## *Providential History Corner*

To celebrate the upcoming publication of the new book, *Contending for the Constitution*, we thought it would be appropriate to provide an excerpt from that book dealing with just one of the extraordinary providences of God that occurred during the Constitutional Convention. This excerpt deals with the controversial Virginia Plan and an early committee vote on the plan that was expected to derail the Constitution, as

we know it today. For those seeking the genuine reform that was necessary and ultimately came to pass, it was a period of expected defeat. This account you will not read in a public school textbook because of the unfortunate censorship of anything relating to God, but the historians of the day have noted it as one of the many actual occurrences that brought glory to God.

*“Yet God would not let the Convention fail. There were too many faithful believers He had in this fledgling nation who were seeking His aid and blessing on that Convention through prayer. When the vote was taken on the Virginia Plan, the result was completely unforeseen. The anticipated 5 to 5 outcome would have meant defeat. Yet, for no apparent reason, and without any prior indications, the Delaware delegation reversed its opposition to the Plan and voted along with its other proponents. This was a remarkable turnaround from the delegation that had earlier threatened to withdraw from the Convention due to its strong opposition to the Virginia Plan! Additionally, the New Jersey delegation, which was also in opposition to the Virginians, for reasons not stated, lacked a quorum that day, preventing them from voting. Thus, in the first significant vote cast in the Convention, the delegates chose the more ambitious proposal of creating something new rather than revising something old. Although the vote was non-binding from the Committee of the Whole, it was significant because it lent early legitimacy to the agenda of a new Constitution. God’s hand over this Convention was beginning to be noticed.”*